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SeaChange in the Oceans



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On July 29, Oceana hosted their 5th Annual SeaChange Summer Party at a private villa on the Laguna Beach coast. This year's sold-out event, co-chaired by Valarie Van Cleave and Eve Kornyei Ruffatto, raised over \$1 million for ocean conservation. Many special guests turned out for the SeaChange celebration, including Alexandra Cousteau, Oceana Senior Advisor and emcee for the evening. She started the program by sharing personal memories of her grandfather, Jacques Cousteau, and her family's passion for protecting

the ocean. Ted Danson kicked off the festivities with a great introduction, followed by bids for the live and silent auctions and an enjoyable sit-down dinner for all of the guests. Jeff Goldblum and the Mildred Snitzer Orchestra performed for the 400 attendees and Morgan Freeman was one of the keynote speakers—just a few of the many celebrities in attendance. Actresses Sarah Shahi and Aimee Teegarden honored Ocean Champions Tricia and Michael Berns along with Deborah Gunn Downing of South Coast Plaza. Oceana raised \$160,000 during the live auction, which featured a seven-day cruise on the HEMISPHERE, provided by Burgess Yachts, a 2012 Fisker Sedan, and jewelry by Harry Winston and Mikimoto. The 2012 Summer Party wouldn't have been possible without all of the extremely generous local and international businesses and philanthropists that sponsored this year's event. For more information about how to get involved with ocean protection, visit Oceana.org.



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 Ted Danson
 Aimee Teegarden, Deborah Gunn Downing
 Sarah Shahi, Michael Berns, Tricia Berns
 Eve Kornyei Ruffatto, Valarie Van Cleave